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Ford eyes true blue alliance

Mayor said to be expecting big things from Tories in wake of majority victory

Hundreds of millions of dollars in subway funding and Torontonians in federal cabinet are among benefits that can be expected from Mayor Rob Ford's "direct line" to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, say Ford allies.

"It's always nice to be able to pick up the phone and have a direct line to Ottawa to communicate some of the issues people of Toronto face day in and day out," a jubilant Coun. Doug Ford told reporters yesterday.

Nick Kouvalis, the campaign strategist who guided Ford to victory and used many of the same tools — including Ford-voiced "robocalls" — to help Harper blast to nine Toronto seats from zero, said the city is sitting pretty.

"You have a party that wants to get re-elected in four years. To do that, the Conservatives need to continue to win seats in the GTA and Toronto itself, so Toronto will be front and centre, all the time."
NICK KOUVALIS, FORD CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST

Ford's inner circle also expects Harper to put one or more of his Toronto MPs in cabinet, and anticipates that Premier Dalton McGuinty will try to keep Ford and Toronto happy ahead of October's provincial election. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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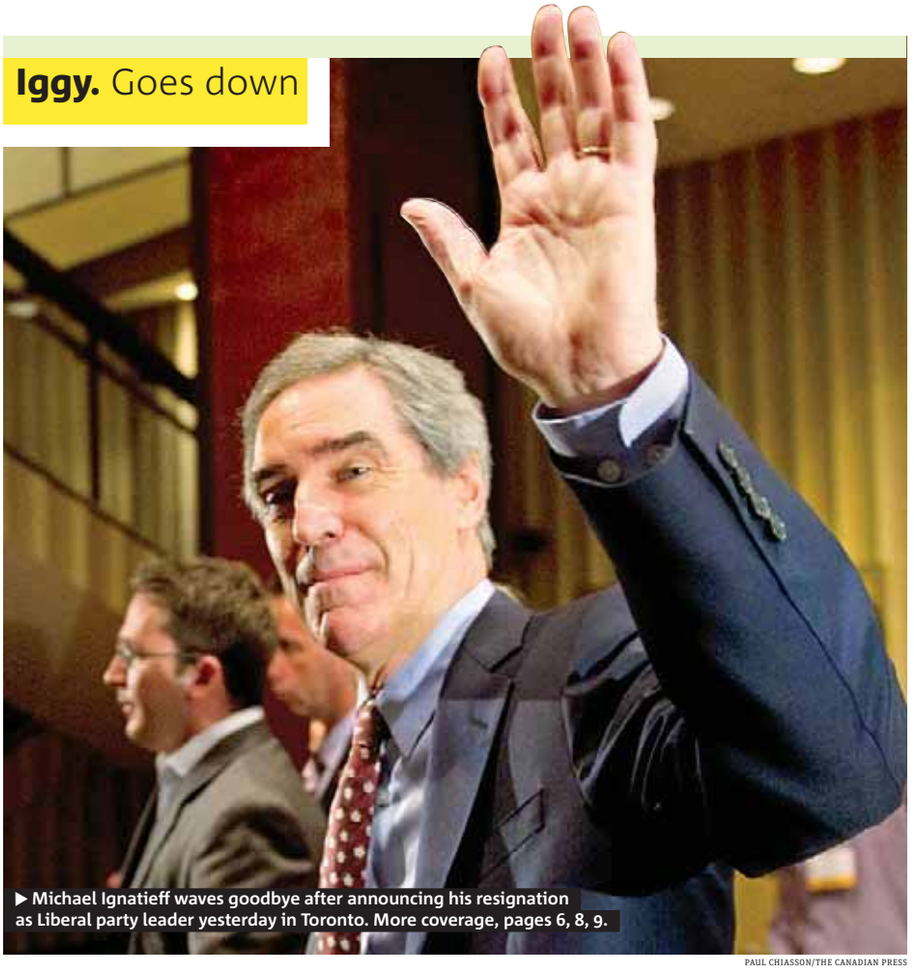

▶ Michael Ignatieff waves goodbye after announcing his resignation as Liberal party leader yesterday in Toronto. More coverage, pages 6, 8, 9.

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New Liberal leader coming, likely in fall

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▶ Sarah Arian with Mickey.

Family gets new pup after dog was shot, killed

When Kim Passero saw a picture of Mickey, the Arian family dog that died after being shot Friday, she immediately saw the resemblance to her own pint-sized Yorkshire puppy.

"It was almost a spitting image of my little Yorkie," Passero said. "I thought, 'We've got to get this little puppy to this family.'"

The family wasn't looking for a new dog but Mariam Arian agreed to let Passero show the puppy to her daughter Sarah, 6, Monday afternoon at the Arians' Brampton home.

When Sarah saw the nine-week-old puppy nestled in Passero's coat pocket, she scooped it into her arms and asked if she could keep it.

Sarah named the puppy Max, and Mariam says her daughter is happy with her new dog.

Mickey, the Arians' two-year-old Yorkshire terrier, was shot Friday night in what police called a "random and alarming" attack. No arrests have been made. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Yo quiero. Chihuahuas

▶ Animal care supervisor Roxanne Johns holds an armful of chihuahuas, some of the 33 rescued from a squalid home in Oakville last month by the Oakville & Milton Humane Society. The facility has been overwhelmed by more than 200 applications to adopt the little critters. Darlene Hicks of Oakville has been charged under the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act with causing distress to the dogs. She is also charged with failing to provide a proper sleeping area, sanitary conditions and ventilation for the animals.

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Hundreds apply to adopt rescued chihuahuas

Lawsuit filed against Sony

Humber College student is plaintiff, worries her private info was hacked

A proposed class-action suit in excess of $1 billion has been launched in Toronto on behalf of about one million Canadians against Sony Corporation and its PlayStation and Qriocity networks for breach of privacy and negligence

Natasha Maksimovic, 21, is the plaintiff in the class-action suit and an avid PlayStation player.

In a statement she said: "If you can't trust a huge multinational corporation like Sony to protect your private information, who can you trust? It appears to me that Sony focuses more on protecting its games than its PlayStation users."

News of the lawsuit, believed to be the first of its kind against Sony in Canada over this matter, comes on the heels of an announcement Monday by Sony Corp. that an additional 24.6 million users' accounts had been breached at a division that makes multiplayer online games.

Sony Computer Entertainment Canada is not commenting on the lawsuit.

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Data

- Sony acknowledges that stolen information may include the users' names, addresses, country, email addresses, birthday, PlayStation Network/Qriocity password and login, PSN online ID, and user profile data, including purchase and usage history as well as password security answers.

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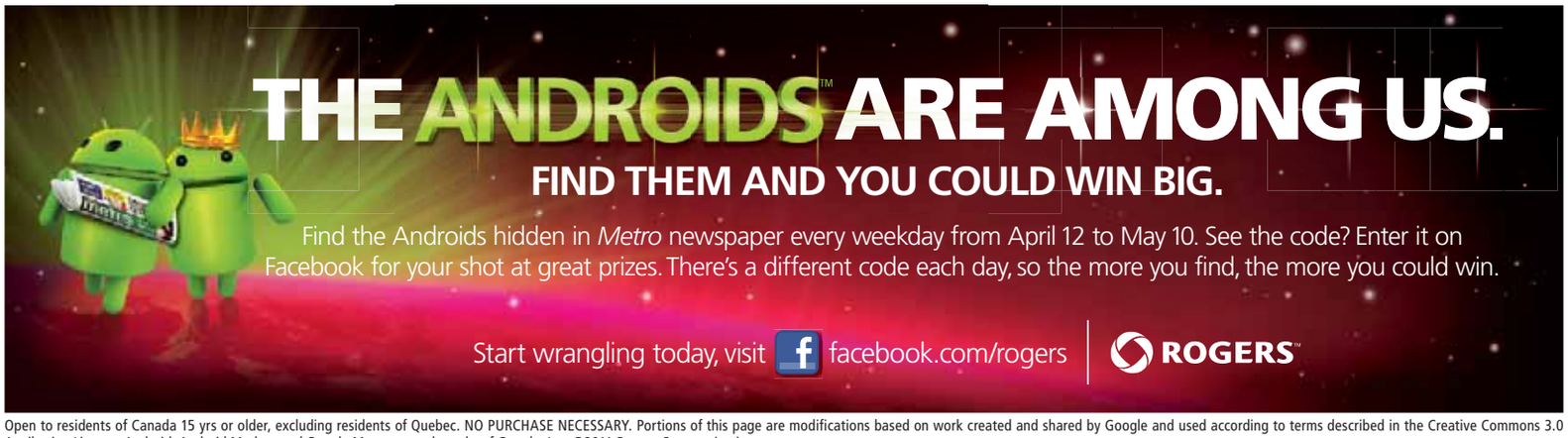
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Bixi launches with a spin on a soggy day

Fifty of the 80 downtown bike stations and 300 of the 1,000 bikes were ready to roll yesterday

Denis Agar wasn't going to let a wet seat deter him from taking a spin on one of Toronto's new black Bixi bikes.

About an hour after the system went live yesterday, Agar put his credit card in the Bixi terminal on Edward Street, tugged on the handlebars and swiped away the raindrops with a flattened palm.

"I'm just so excited. It's going to change the way people get around the city," he gushed.

Tourists will love Bixi, said Agar, 22. Ditto suburbanites, who will arrive at the "massive" 47-bike depot at Union Station and decide Bixi is the better way to head uptown.

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Eager to bike

Unlock At Union Station, Daniel Cicero was disappointed when his Bixi key failed to unlock a bike. But when he realized he needed to activate his membership, Cicero admitted he might have been overeager.

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▶ The Bixi Toronto bike share program officially launched yesterday morning. The program is designed to encourage people to cycle more often and have immediate access to public bikes as an alternative mode of transportation.

Feds issue visitor visa for 14-year-old refugee

The Canadian government has issued a one-way visitor visa to allow the return of a teenaged refugee wrongfully removed to Mexico.

However, it is not the end of the ongoing saga to bring home Josette Rosenzweig Issasi, 14, who had been granted refugee status in Canada before being whisked out of Canada last October back to her allegedly abusive mother.

Canadian officials have remained adamant they will not offer sanctuary to Josette at its embassy; and Mexican authorities could arrest the now missing girl at the airport to keep her in Mexico with her mother, who has sole custody.

"All efforts shall be made to enable her safe and immediate return to Toronto, Canada, including the provision of protection from her mother, Amparo Marlen Rodriguez Issasi," Justice Stanley Sherr of the Ontario Court of Justice said yesterday.

Jeffery Wilson, lawyer for Josette's father and aunt, said outside court that "Canada is doing nothing to assist her in her safe return to Toronto because she is not a Canadian citizen."

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▶ Josette Rosenzweig Issasi

Court order

Claims In April, the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned an order by Justice George Czutrin that sent Josette Rosenzweig Issasi back to Mexico on claims by her mother that the girl was illegally kidnapped by her divorced husband.

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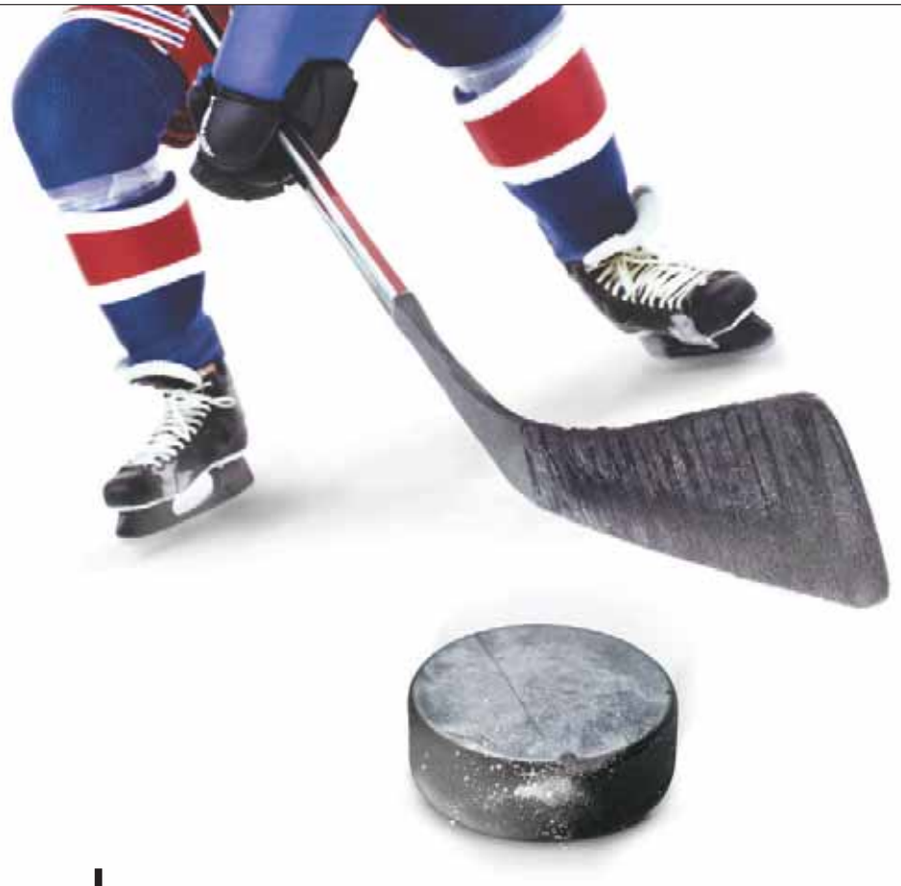

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▶ NDP candidate Peggy Nash gives her victory speech at the Cadillac Lounge after winning her ward on election day.

Liberals crushed in GTA

Death knell capped by Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff losing his own seat in Etobicoke-Lakeshore, signalling a change in political landscape

Jacked up

The orange wave of NDP support in the GTA swept away several former Liberal ridings that many thought were sure bets.

- Scarborough Southwest was the scene of an upset for the Liberals, who had held the riding for more than two decades.
- Liberal incumbent Michelle Simson finished behind Conservative candidate Gavan Paranchothy and NDP frontrunner Dan Harris.
- It was an unexpected turn of events for Simson, who easily took the riding in 2008 by more than 4,000 votes.

The traditional Liberal stronghold that has kept the Greater Toronto Area mostly red for decades suffered a devastating blow Monday night.

The all-out assaults on vulnerable suburban ridings by the Conservatives, combined with an orange wave of NDP support originating in downtown Toronto, cracked what was once an urban island of Liberal support. The Conservatives painted the town blue, winning 30 of 44 GTA seats.

Among the most contested ridings this federal election was Ajax-Pickering, with longtime Liberal MP Mark Holland fighting a desperate battle to retain his seat against Conservative candidate and former ambassador to Afghanistan Chris Alexander. But despite Holland's local roots, and long record of public service, Alexander won handily by nearly 3,000 votes.

In the harshly-fought battleground of Vaughan, former Ontario Provincial Police chief and newly-minted MP Julian Fantino won by a healthy margin, leaving Liberal challenger Mario Ferri a distant second. The riding had been a Liberal stronghold for years until this past November, when Fantino squeaked out a victory in a byelection, winning by just 1,054 votes.

In York Centre, once thought to be one of the safest Liberal seats in the country, incumbent Ken Dryden lost to Conservative challenger Mark Adler.

In Parkdale-High Park, Liberal incumbent Gerard Kennedy lost his seat to Peggy Nash, national president of the NDP. It was a sweet victory for Nash, who lost her seat to Kennedy in 2008 by 3,400 votes. She had hoped the recent national surge in NDP support would help propel her to victory.

Longtime Liberal MP Joe Volpe lost his seat in Eglinton-Lawrence, which he had held for 23 years, in a stunning upset to Conservative Joe Oliver.

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Arrest made in Parkdale-area assaults

Parkdale remains a neighbourhood on edge even after Toronto police announced an arrest yesterday in connection to two of several beatings that have shaken the community since January.

Police stopped short of linking the accused to the five other Parkdale-area beatings, one of which turned into a homicide.

And a man who helped organize community meetings on the case doesn't feel any extra sense of relief.

"We're still on edge because we don't know if this is the same guy," said Victor Willis, executive director of the Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre, a community drop-in centre on Queen Street West.

Neighbours said the accused lives on the top floor of a rooming house at 17 Maynard Ave., across the street from the mental health-care home where the majority of the attacks occurred.

Police announced yesterday they arrested Ricardo Morrison, 32, and charged him with two counts of assault, one of which occurred in the prime target area of Maynard Avenue and Leopold Street.

They only called him a "person of interest" in the other assaults and death of George Wass, 62, who died three days after being beaten March 18.

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▶ George Wass died three days after being beaten March 18.

'Person of interest'

- Ricardo Morrison is being held in custody pending a court appearance tomorrow.
- Police said the accused is known to them. They added the arrest came as a result of information from the community.
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Conservative MP poised for stardom?

New Mississauga MP described as 'scary smart'

Eve Adams might be just what the victorious Conservatives need to convince Canadians the party can reflect a broader vision for the nation.

The daughter of parents who fled communist Hungary, she recalls her early days.

"My dad was a really hard-working man. He worked on a farm in Welland, then worked in the mines in Sudbury. He then worked in gas stations and restaurants before he saved up enough money to buy his own gas station."

Adams, who carried on at Mississauga city council right up until Monday's victory, didn't attract the attention some local Liberal slayers did. But an old friend believes she's destined for political stardom.

"She is the type of new Conservative that will take the party completely back from the Reform edge where the party had been," says former MP Carolyn Parrish, who served with Adams on council.

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▶ Mississauga-Brampton South Conservative candidate Eve Adams defeated Liberal Navdeep Bains.

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Liberals consider whether to fight on or merge with NDP Bob Rae is 'thinking about' succeeding Ignatieff

Debate over the Liberal party's future began raging even before Michael Ignatieff announced yesterday that he will resign as leader.

Toronto MP Bob Rae, a likely contender to succeed Ignatieff, triggered much of the talk with a blunt assessment that the decimated party can't avoid discussing the possibility of merging with the ascendant NDP.

Ignatieff weighed in against the idea but acknowledged he won't be calling the shots after leading the Liberals to a bloodbath Monday, in which even he lost his seat.

"I will not be remaining as leader of this party," Ignatieff told red-eyed supporters during an emotional news conference in Toronto.

"I will work out with the party officials the best timing for a departure so we can arrange for a succession in due time."

He indicated that he expects his successor will likely be chosen in the fall.

The self-described "natural governing party" was reduced to a distant third with a mere 34 seats and less than 20 per cent of the popular vote — the party's worst electoral showing in history.

Liberal support collapsed in the face of a strong surge by Jack Layton's NDP. Vote splitting by the NDP and Liberals in many ridings, particularly in Ontario, propelled Stephen Harper's Conservatives to a solid majority.

Ignatieff turned up his nose at the suggestion of a merger between the Liberals and the NDP. He said he has "a great deal of respect for Bob Rae" — his former college roommate and one-time leadership rival — but believes the two parties hail from "different traditions."

And he predicted the Liberals will rise again.

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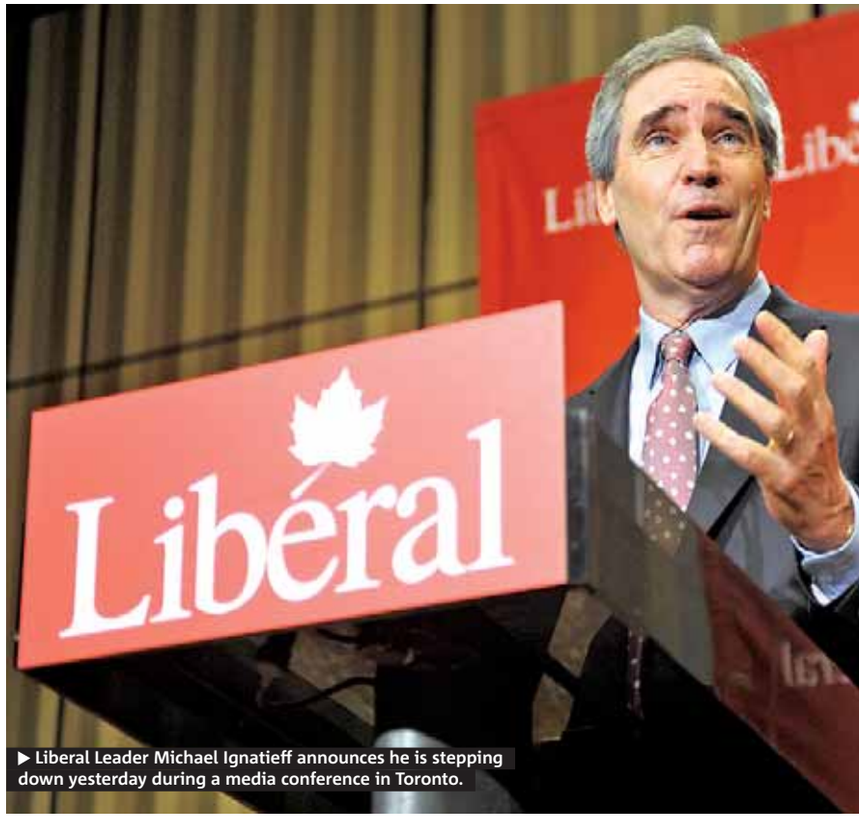

▶ Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff announces he is stepping down yesterday during a media conference in Toronto.

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Tweets for seats analyzed

Echo chamber or ear to the rail?

Now that the election is over, analysts are trying to gauge what impact, if any, Twitter and other social media outlets had on the outcome.

Digital public affairs strategist Mark Blevis said Twitter likely didn't swing undecided voters because most "tweeps" already knew how they were going to vote.

Tom Vassos of the University of Toronto said the NDP had the most buzz before election day, a possible early indicator of how well they would do at the polls.

Vassos said his analysis also showed a lot of early negative Twitter sentiment about the Bloc Québécois — a warning, perhaps, of the drubbing the separatist party was to suffer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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U.S. vows to chase al-Qaida

Navy SEAL team recovered hard drives, DVDs, documents and more at site of bin Laden raid Material might reveal al-Qaida's operational plans

The United States aims to build upon its killing of Osama bin Laden to destroy his al-Qaida terrorist organization, the White House counterterrorism chief said yesterday.

John Brennan declared the administration was determined to "pummel the rest of al-Qaida" as the U.S. moves on from the daring Navy SEAL raid that eliminated bin Laden with a marksman's lethal shot above his left eye in a surprise airborne attack on his fortified compound not far from Islamabad, the Pakistan capital.

The feared and expanding al-Qaida organization had suffered "severe body blows" during the 10-year U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, Brennan said in a series of morning TV interviews yesterday.

U.S. President Barack Obama, who gave the final orders for the raid Sunday, has vowed to begin withdrawing some American forces from Afghanistan this summer.

The Pakistan government reacted with displeasure yesterday, declaring the raid was an "unauthorized unilateral action."

As details of the mission that killed bin Laden continued to filter out, U.S. officials weighed the pros and cons of releasing secret video and photos of the dead bin Laden.

"This needs to be done thoughtfully," Brennan said, with careful consideration given to what kind of reaction the images might provoke. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan's role

In an appearance on NBC television, John Brennan, the U.S.'s top counterterrorism official, said that "clearly there was some kind of support network" for bin Laden inside Pakistan.

He declined to blame the Pakistani government for that, however, calling the government in Islamabad "a strong counterterrorism partner."

▶ People chant slogans in Karachi, Pakistan, yesterday, condemning the U.S.-led killing of Osama bin Laden.

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From deep inside the compound

Osama bin Laden was unarmed when he was confronted by U.S. commandos at his Pakistani hideout but tried to resist the assault, the White House said yesterday as new details emerged about the audacious raid.

Other details that emerged yesterday, according to U.S. officials: One of bin Laden's wives tried to rush the commandos and was shot in the leg; high temperatures caused a lumbering helicopter carrying the raiders to make a hard landing; and as Navy SEALs swept through the compound, they handcuffed those they encountered with plastic zip ties and pressed on in pursuit of the target. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Jack Layton, NDP leader and now officially the leader of the Opposition, speaks to the media yesterday in Toronto.

New Opposition prepares

NDP reaching out to top provincial New Democrats to form front bench

NDP Leader Jack Layton's first task as leader of the Opposition will be to figure out how to harness the energy of his new 102-member caucus.

With dozens of new faces poised to dominate what will be the largest group of MPs in the party's history, Layton spent much of yesterday's post-election media conference fending off questions about their lack of profile and experience.

In the NDP's backrooms, meanwhile, party strategists are already thinking about forming a transition team and putting together a shadow cabinet, while also contemplating how to orchestrate a full-fledged victory the next time Canadians cast their ballots at the polls.

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Election? What election?

Still enthralled by news that U.S. navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden, Americans are paying even less attention to the political situation in Canada than they usually do, especially since Jack Layton's "socialists" failed to form the government in the federal election.

The Wall Street Journal ran a staff-written story on the events, while the Washington Post and New York Times went with a story from The Associated Press.

But just because the U.S. media might not have paid much attention, Canada-U.S. experts say, doesn't mean those in positions of power didn't keep an eye on events and prefer the outcome of a Conservative majority to a series of minorities or fragile coalitions.

Indeed, U.S. President Barack Obama called Prime Minister Stephen Harper earlier yesterday to congratulate him on the win.

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Group criticizes leaders as being press 'predators'

Leaders of Libya, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain on list of those accused of violence against journalists

The presidents of Syria and Yemen had prominent spots on a list of press freedom "predators" issued yesterday by media advocacy group Reporters Without Borders, along with a new arrival, the king of Bahrain.

The Paris-based group says its 2011 list is made up of 38 politicians, government officials, religious leaders, militias and criminal organizations that are hostile to civil liberties and direct organizers of campaigns of violence against journalists.

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▶ King Hamad Ben Aissa Al Khalifa

Newcomers to the annual list, released on World Press Freedom Day, include Bahrain's King Hamad Ben Aissa Al Khalifa and Honduran businessman and landowner Miguel Facusse Barjum.

Syria, Bahrain, Libya and Yemen have seen numerous cases of arbitrary detention and deportation of foreign correspondents, whom authorities are attempting to prevent from reporting on repression there, the group said.

Others on the advocacy group's list include Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Chinese President Hu Jintao.

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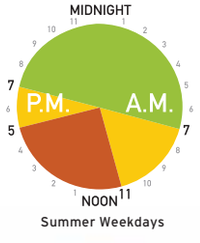

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Tory majority offers comfort for markets

Spring budget can be retabled

A business-friendly Conservative majority government gave financial markets some cause for comfort yesterday. But the news failed to inspire gains on the Toronto stock market, which tumbled almost 250 points as investors focused on rocky equity markets.

Resource stocks led declines as a stronger U.S. dollar pressured oil and gold prices, which in turn pushed down the Canadian dollar.

While analysts were relieved to see a majority government, the global financial picture — Mideast turmoil, the U.S. economic problem and European debt — quickly overshadowed the election results.

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Tory proposals

- A $1,000 credit to small businesses to offset a rise in employment-insurance premiums.
- Extension of a program to help small businesses buy new equipment.

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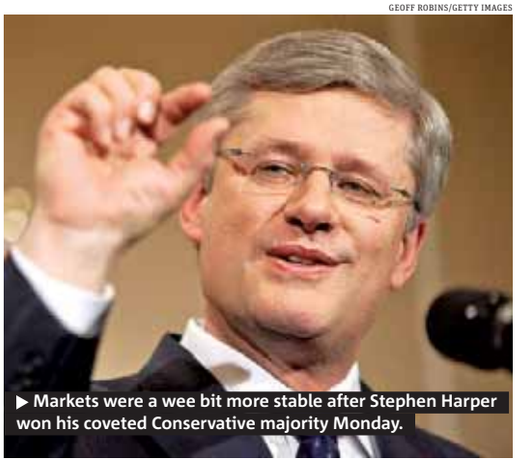

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More telecom choices expected

A Conservative majority government will likely mean more foreign ownership in Canada's telecom industry, fostering competition that will ultimately benefit consumers, analysts say.

"With the Conservatives taking a majority in Parliament, we believe they can now push for relaxation of telecom foreign ownership restriction without support from opposition parties," UBS analyst Phillip Huang said yesterday, adding he expects legislation to be in place by the end of this year.

That means telecom companies like U.S.-based AT&T, France Telecom, Germany's T-Mobile, Japanese telecom giant NTT or Mexico's America Movil potentially could be allowed to set up shop in Canada.

The Conservatives had wanted to loosen foreign ownership rules last year but were unable to go ahead with their plans when they were a minority government.

Huang said he continues to believe foreign players, such as America Movil, may consider entering Canada. Relaxed rules could open up some big opportunities — Manitoba Telecom, for example, could end up selling its All-stream Internet business unit if rules are relaxed.

Telecom analyst Mark Goldberg said although the Tories haven't laid out their strategy, the move is to keep the industry competitive.

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Telecommerce

- **Industry Minister** Tony Clement has already announced consultations on foreign ownership, outlining three options:

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Not all of them, it turns out. A team of scientists at the University of Kentucky listens to tunes all day.

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Before you start imagining a bunch of guys with lumpy sweaters and sensible shoes gettin' jiggy with The Black Eyed Peas, remember, these are scientists and there's a serious point to all this.

And that is: After running three decades of hit songs through the computer, Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies, has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music.

"... Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies, has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music."

Not sure he needs a research lab for that ... all he really needs is an iPod and Eminem's Greatest Hits, but he's on to something.

Thirty years ago, everyone was having a good time (Kool & The Gang: Celebration); racial harmony (Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder: Ebony And Ivory); and togetherness (Sister Sledge: We Are Family).

These days, forget about peace and love, it's just about me. Or Justin Timberlake ("I'm bringing sexy back"), or Beyoncé ("It's blazin'. You watch me in amazement"), and Fergie ("It's personal, myself and I.")

As for the bred-in-the-hood surliness of Eminem and his posse, DeWall factored in a control for hip hop so those lyrics don't unfairly dominate his study.

He discovered that although pop music may be dominated by barely weaned puppies like Justin Bieber, it's not all love songs to Dora The Explorer. No one is feeling the love much these days, unless it's love of self. Exhibit A: Keri Hilson's "All eyes on me when I walk in, no question that this girl's a 10."

It's hard to believe things can change so much in a single generation, but guess what happens when the only subject taught in school is self-esteem? Then when you go to college, it's Self-Esteem 101, Advanced Self-Esteem 201, etc.

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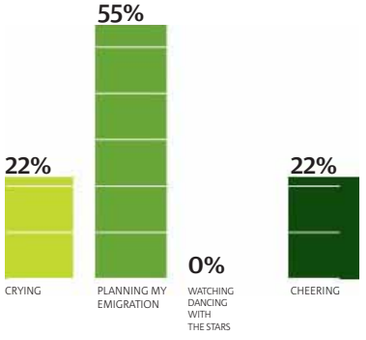

Local tweets

- **@RealRon Fine:** Ignatieff's checklist: 1) call elxn costing Cdns millions 2) lose riding 3) decimate Lib party 4) resign & crawl back into obscurity. Check!
- **@mattpadanyi:** Bob Rae wants to merge the left. Between the lines he wants to succeed Layton as leader of the left.
- **@kakokinoshita:** Debate questioner: "Mr. Layton, I mustache you a question ..."
- **@trevormelanson:** Layton's cabinet has a few amateurs, but now he can attract the talent needed to form gov't. He broke through the political glass ceiling.
- **@mix1_home:** Hey! Did you notice how Layton's crowd booed Harper name and Harper's crowd cheered Layton name? Enough said.
- **@ragouri:** I didn't vote for the Tories but any election that results in the entire Bloc caucus driving away in a Mini can't be all bad.
- **@nikkiwhaites:** Who would have thought that the Green party would finish only 3 seats behind the Bloc?

Worth mentioning

NEW YORK. The best place in the world to be a mom is Norway, where maternal and child mortality rates are low, women's life expectancy and years in school are high, and the average maternity leave is about one year, a new study measuring the well-being of mothers and babies shows.

Australia and Iceland join Norway at the top of Save The Children's 12th annual Mothers Index, released yesterday. Canada ranks 20th, the United States places 31st and Afghanistan is last.

The international non-profit group's ranking analyzes the maternal and child indicators and other published information of 164 countries.

The survey considers Afghanistan the worst place to be a mother, with women having a life expectancy of 45 years — the world's lowest — and one of every 11 women dying in childbirth. One of every five children in the country doesn't live to age five.

By contrast, a typical Norwegian woman lives to be 83 years old, and just one in 175 will lose a child before his or her fifth birthday.

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WEIRD NEWS

Fanning the flames of transit rage

Tempers can flare when your morning commute turns into a delay induced sit-in.

But while many of us tear up our tickets, tweet our frustrations and glare at the teenager blaring his iPod who keeps kicking the seat, a group of Argentinean travellers went a few steps further when it decided to burn down its train.

The rail roasting was ignited Monday, during the morning rush hour commute that brings workers from the suburbs into Buenos Aires. But instead of being glided into the city, passengers were left stranded for 30 minutes after a train derailment.

That's when the rage set in and eight carriages at three commuter stations went up in flames, with violence quickly spreading from the Haedo stop to the nearby stations of Ramos Mejia and Cuidadela.

The angry mob of commuters also forcefully removed train drivers and an inspector from a train and stole ticket boxes from one station. Three passengers were arrested over the incidents, federal police deputy Chief Hugo Matzkin told the Buenos Aires Herald. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Scene in brief

Zach Galifianakis leads the 15th annual Webby Awards with four awards for his Between Two Ferns With Zach Galifianakis Web series.

Other winners include Lisa Kudrow, Arcade Fire and Justin Bieber.

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The Book of Mormon gets a leading 14 Tony Award nominations; The Scottsboro Boys gets 12.

HANDOUT

▶ Chris Hemsworth admits it took effort to bullk up for the role of Thor.

Thor looks good in 3-D

Director Kenneth Branagh says the most important part of the film was casting Thor

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Tasked with bringing Thor from the comic book pages to the big screen, director Kenneth Branagh couldn't help but feel a bit daunted.

The scale of the undertaking couldn't help but make you feel that way, he says. "It was very, very challenging, but that was a part of what was attractive," says Branagh.

Luckily, producer and Marvel honcho Kevin Feige was there to keep him on task: "On Day One, I asked Kevin, 'What should I do first?'" Branagh remembers. "And he said, 'The one thing you need to do right now — and until it's finished — is cast Thor. That's it. Just cast Thor.'"

Not an easy task as it turns out, though as the story for the film developed, Branagh found himself circling back to a young actor who had read early in the casting process: Chris Hemsworth.

"You're looking for really a lot tied up in one bundle," Branagh says of the character, the Norse god of thunder who is cast out of Asgard by his father, Odin.

"At one point we said, 'We should go back and meet that very handsome Australian lad who came in.' There was this required quality of an innate, charming confidence that did not spill over into arrogance that meant he would stand up in a scene with Anthony Hopkins."

Of course that's not all Hemsworth had going for him: "When he takes his shirt off there's obviously a wow factor that cannot be denied," Branagh says.

Bulking up enough to earn those accolades wasn't easy for 27-year-old Hemsworth — though it wasn't the weight-lifting that gave him the most trouble.

"The most uncomfortable thing was the eating," Hemsworth says. "I just don't naturally sit at that weight, so I'd have to force-feed myself with ... 20 chicken breasts and rice and steak. All very boring, sort of plain things. That was the most exhausting part of the whole film."

What was daunting for Hemsworth was working with the veteran Hopkins. The younger actor wasn't prepared for Hopkins' brand of humour.

"I remember being on set our first day with Tony and going through the rehearsal, and Tony saying, 'Is that how you're going to do it?' and then going, 'He's kidding, right?'" Hemsworth remembers. "That's a big thing I learned from Tony — have a good time doing it. What should've been the most intimidating experience walking in was the most enjoyable."

As it turns out, Thor wasn't Hemsworth's favourite choice when it comes to superheroes — not that he isn't thrilled to play him.

"I would run around the house pretending to be (Superman). At some stage when I was a kid I also had a Robin costume ... A nice pair of green underwear and a yellow shirt and red cape."

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DEFINITELY FAMOUS AND ALMOST AWARD-WORTHY

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On a recent episode of 30 Rock, Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan) joked that he made a North Korean propaganda film directed by Kim Jong-Il rather than appear in a Kate Hudson film. It was a funny joke on a show known for its irreverent take on celebrities, but like all good jokes there's a hint of truth to it.

Of course Hudson is still a popular actress; capable of headlining any Hollywood rom-com, but this is more a question of what might have been.

How did an Oscar winning actress who once said, "I'm not a big fan of romantic comedies," end up with a CV littered with toxic titles like Fool's Gold, My Best Friend's Girl and Bride Wars?

Sure, she has a sunny smile and girl-next-door appeal, but anyone who saw her sweet and wonderful turn as Penny Lane in Almost Famous rues the day she decided to aim for the MTV Best Kiss Awards rather than Academy Awards. Surely she can do more than stand on a beach while a shirtless Matthew McConaughey runs into her open arms.

It's not all bad news in Kate's career, however. This weekend she is firmly rooted in rom-com land with Something Borrowed, the kind of fluffy confection she specializes in, but lately there have been signs that she's making some effort to stretch her comfort zone.

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▶ Actress Kate Hudson attends the Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty Costume Institute Gala at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City on Monday.

Cinema Italiano, her exuberantly fluffy all-singing-all-dancing tribute to 1960's pop music and style, was one of the best things about Nine, the musical version of Federico Fellini's classic 8 ½, and The Killer Inside Me, a violent, hardboiled crime story are both steps in the right direction, but they're baby steps.

I want to be a Kate Hudson fan. I really do. But I need convincing that she wants me to be a fan and taking the easy route isn't going to do that. Even her old co-star Matthew McConaughey has smartened up and realized that romcoms are a faulty foundation to build a career on. His last film, the drama The Lincoln Lawyer, earned him the best reviews and most notice of his recent career.

I'd like to see Kate stretch in that way. Watch Almost Famous again and see the heartbreaking pathos she brings to every frame of that movie.

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Royal couple may head for Hollywood

Looks like William and Kate will drop by to see the Beckham clan

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Prince William and his new wife may be heading to Hollywood, according to royal family expert Andrew Morton. "Royal aides have penciled in a two day visit to Hollywood at the end of their tour of Canada which takes place in late June and early July," Morton reports.

The visit would mark the first overseas visit as a married couple for the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Morton says it's likely that royal wedding guests David and Victoria Beckham would be involved in the L.A. visit. METRO

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Wedding will have to weight

▶ Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpson is excited about marrying fiancé Eric Johnson, but she reportedly won't do it until she's dropped a few more pounds, according to Hollyscoop. "They were hoping for an early summer wedding, but pushed it back so they both have a chance to shed extra pounds," a source says, adding that Simpson has already lost 20 pounds thanks to a strict diet and workout regimen. METRO

Looks like Pussycat Doll has X Factor

While there's still no word from Simon Cowell on the list of judges for the U.S. edition of the X Factor, Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger is reportedly set to be the host of the new show, according to People magazine.

Scherzinger has some experience with the franchise, as she was a guest judge on the British version last year.

While Cowell hasn't made any official announcements yet, he's previously expressed his affinity for Scherzinger: "I absolutely adore her. She's gorgeous and ruthlessly ambitious," he said in a radio interview with Ryan Seacrest. METRO

▶ Nicole Scherzinger

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A girls getaway to Mexico

Not all resorts are equal — some offer that something extra special to give you a relaxing vacation ◐ Everything you need for a girls holiday

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Some people can relax quickly by hopping a flight to a random all-inclusive beach vacation. Others, I found out on a recent girls' getaway trip to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, need a few extras to kickstart the decompression.

Making Yourself a Priority

If, like me, you tense up at the thought of check-in crowds and crammed-together charter seating, consider an upgrade that streamlines the travel process. Transat Holiday's Options Plus ensured our group priority boarding, roomy up-front seats in which work-stiff shoulders could relax immediately, priority unloading of our luggage when we landed, and pronto transportation to our hotel via private vehicle.

The Luxe Life

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Welcome to the Excellence Playa Mujeres in Cancun, Mexico. This is a five-star hotel akin to New York five-star, only on a much better beach.

Services at Aiile, the adult-only hotel's impressive spa, banish the remnants of work-related fatigue and nine restaurants offer fare worthy of the term gourmet.

Keep it coming

At the Royal Hideaway in Riviera Maya, meandering paths branch off to a number of cheerful two-storey Colonial-style villas with open centre courtyards.

Skilled spa therapists again reduce us to mellow Jell-O. Outside, the atmosphere has a bit more of a party vibe than the Excellence Playa Mujeres. A buff instructor encourages water-aerobics participation to catchy dance tunes; we join in and enjoy snacks and drinks. This is the life.

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Travel in brief

Whale watching companies are predicting a successful season this year in the Strait of Georgia after numerous orca sightings in recent weeks. The whale watching season kicked off April 1 and runs until October. On the web: vancouverwhalewatch.com and seabreezeadventures.ca
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Tales of tourist misdemeanours, tacky souvenirs and tasteless bars have given Phuket, an island off the southwest coast of Thailand, a bad reputation. But plenty of this sprawling state remains unspoiled and new boutique hotels are attracting a different kind of holidaymaker.

At the eastern end of Phuket, Layan is an unspoiled village built around a winding coastal road. There are just two tiny hotels interrupting the lagoon here, divided by a spit of sand. A couple of beach cafés serve Thai basics including fried rice and curries — the antidote to the brash, hamburger-vending restaurants of the south.

Meanwhile, regulations dictate that you can't see buildings from the deserted, coconut milk-coloured stretch of sand at Mai Khao, where turtles come to nest.

So the new luxury hotel from Asian chain Anantara (phuket.anantara.com) is set well back from the beach. This is honeymoon territory — the hotel has been designed to resemble a Thai fishing village, rooms have private plunge pools, there's a glitzy tree-house bar, and the pool is a glamorous, palm-fringed affair. You'll find deals if you bargain (from $250 B&B), and you can skip pricey meals in the hotel in favour of barbecued fish from the beach shack between the hotel and the sand.

Meanwhile, Phuket City is being called a mini Singapore. Colonial buildings have been turned into fancy bars, restaurants and hotels. Attractions include The China Inn (20 Thalang Rd.), a coffee shop in one of

▶ Unwind on the beach

YES YES YES

Phuket

ANANTARA HOTELS

Phuket's renovated old shophouses. Also explore the mansions on the outskirts, built by Chinese merchant immigrants in the 19th-century. Stay at Sino House (from $50; sinohousephuket.com), with its antiques and China-inspired rooms.

3 WAYS TO SEE THE REAL PHUKET

BANK ON NAI YANG

- Try the grilled catch of the day at Bank on Nai Yang Beach (no phone; ask your taxi driver) — you'll be able to see the boat that caught it bobbing just offshore.

JATUJAK WEEKEND MARKET

- Pick up souvenirs, a new wardrobe and dinner at atmospheric Jatujak Weekend Market, just outside Phuket City (Chao Fa West Road; Saturday and Sundays 3-9 p.m.).

SEASIDE COTTAGES

- If your budget doesn't stretch to Anantara, try the thatched chalets of Seaside Cottages — same great view, but just $65 B&B. mai-khao-beach.com

Quick tips

TRAVELLING

- Phuket airport is about 15 minute drive from Mai Khao and Layan, and 45 minutes from Phuket City.
- Use local buses (Song Taews) to hop from resort to resort. You can get out anywhere en route (check the destination on the front), for just ¢50.

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- Remember to cover up to visit any temples; Thailand is conservative and shorts and vests are not allowed.

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Nevis: A Caribbean gem

Amazing beaches, flora and fauna greet visitors to this well-kept secret hot spot The breathtaking views from the Nevis Peak makes for a great hike No all-inclusives here but that allows you to dabble in the local cuisine

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Nevis Peak soars out of the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea topped with a halo of white clouds. It is the island's showpiece and figurehead, a proud symbol of peaceful, eco-friendly living. Nevis is one of the Caribbean's best kept secrets.

Located 3.2 kilometres from the shore of neighbouring St. Kitts, the government of Nevis has been careful not to allow the crush of time share complexes and hotel chains to ring its beaches.

Known as the Queen of the Caribees, Nevis has a rich heritage of old sugar plantation ruins and is the birthplace of Caribbean tourism. The Bath Hotel opened in 1778 and became the playground of the rich and famous. You can still take a dip in the healing mineral hot springs at the base of the old hotel that now houses government offices.

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▶ The island of Nevis is known as the Queen of the Caribees.

Getting there

The most efficient route from Canada is to fly direct from Toronto to St. Maarten or Antigua then take one of the connector flights like LIAT to Nevis. LIAT (liat.com) flies to 22 destinations in the Caribbean. Another option is to fly to St. Kitts and take a short ferry ride over to Nevis.

What to do there

For the adventure seeker, you can hike uphill through the tropical rain forest until you reach the top of Nevis Peak. Afterwards, you could lunch at the Golden Rock Estate taking in its stunning vistas of the Caribbean Sea and Montserrat.

A trip to the Botanical Gardens where rainforest flora and fauna intermingle with seventy varieties of orchids would be a good excursion, along with a visit to the Nevisian Heritage Village.

Shopping in the capital of Charlestown might

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▶ Orchids

beckon you but if the beauty of Nevis is still calling, you could go horseback riding or deep sea fishing. But the ultimate thing to do in Nevis is to crawl into a comfortable beach chair or hammock, stare at the calming turquoise water and do — absolutely nothing.

Where to stay

There are no all inclusive hotels on the island but what you will discover are amazing four and five star resorts and guest houses. One of the most famous is Nisbet Plantation Beach Club. The luxurious resort features 36 cottages lining the perimeter of the Avenue of the Palms that leads you down to the white sand and ocean.

The Great House, built in 1778 has been lovingly restored and dining there is an inspiring infusion of Caribbean, West Indian and North American favourites.

Nisbet Plantation is an experience to be savoured and was recently named the Caribbean resort of the year by Travel and Leisure Magazine.

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▶ The Bath Hotel in Nevis opened in 1778.

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▶ Miss June's dining room.

Where to dine

When Stedman Graham and long time steady Oprah tell you to open a restaurant, you make it happen.

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SMALL ISLAND, BIG PARTY

Drummers: the pulse of a great celebration

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AS CROP OVER MOVES AHEAD, SO TOO DO ITS EVENTS, GROWING IN SCALE AND EXTRAVAGANCE

In Bajan history the plantation looms large. The end of the sugar cane harvest was an end to heavy work and a time for celebration—singing, dancing, music of all kinds. And while the colonial period is long gone in Barbados, the celebration remains. For some fourteen weeks in the summertime, the entire island throws a party. This is Crop Over, and you're invited.

Crop Over begins in May with the Super Six Cavalcades, continuing with Heritage Fairs highlighting artists and craftspeople in their respective villages, and culminates in August with lights, colours and booming sounds—Barbados' answer to Carnival. The soundtrack to Crop Over is calypso, a musical form using syncopated rhythms and satirical lyrics to agitate and entertain. Competition between calypso artists is fierce during Crop Over, and never more so than on Pic-o-de-crop, the last Friday of the festival, when a 'calypso king' is crowned. It takes more than a good voice to be king—performers must command every aspect of the stage, including dancing, costume and props, to catch a judge's eye.

As Crop Over moves ahead, so too do its events, growing in scale and extravagance day by day. The last Sunday of the festival is Cohobblopot ('a mix of things'); a blending of dance, drama and music, performed onstage before crowds of thousands. Cohobblopot performers represent Barbados' top talent, and such is the prestige of the event that today, artists from across the Caribbean take part. Patrons begin streaming into venues in the early evening, outfitted with coolers, rags and flags, forming their own colourful parade.

Crop Over's grand finale is known as 'Grand Kadooment'; a summer street carnival featuring large, costumed bands and fireworks. Kadooment Day is a national holiday in Barbados; a time when the dividing line being spectator and reveler blurs, with performers and crowds alike making their way from National Stadium to Spring Garden Highway, accompanied by the sounds of calypso. The bands' outfits represent various themes, and like many elements of Crop Over, prizes are awarded for the very best. In Barbados, having fun is serious business, and everyone gives it their all.

Crop Over's colours: always vibrant

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Bay of Fundy, a unique wonder

With the highest tides in the world, there are plenty of exciting activities and sights for tourists A finalist for New 7 Wonders of Nature

There are 12 species of whales in the Bay of Fundy.

A lot has been written about Atlantic Canada's Bay of Fundy since it was named one of the top 28 finalists in the global New7Wonders of Nature campaign, but lesser known is the multitude of opportunities the bay offers to tourists.

There's sightseeing, hiking, fossil hunting, boating, whale watching, tidal bore rafting, fishing, camping and, of course, enjoying the variety of delicious seafood.

The 270-kilometre-long Bay of Fundy is bordered by the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and features the world's highest tides.

More than 100 billion tonnes of seawater flow in and out of the bay during each tide cycle, resulting in dramatic changes along the shoreline.

In places like Hopewell Cape, N.B., you can go kayaking, and just six hours later be walking on the ocean floor.

"If the tides are that high, they're also that low, so they go out several kilometres in several locations around the bay," said Terri McCulloch, executive director of Bay of Fundy Tourism.

"There is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the ocean floor at low tide."

McCulloch recommends Alma Beach and numerous places along the Fundy Trail in New Brunswick, as well as the Parrsboro area in Nova Scotia as places to safely walk on the ocean floor when the tide is out.

The Fundy Trail — which runs between St. Martin's, N.B., and Fundy National Park — offers visitors lots of opportunities to experience the bay from scenic vistas, as well as excellent driving, biking and hiking routes.

In St. Martin's you can see the caves that have been carved into the cliffs by the tides. Here there are a number of quaint bed-and-breakfasts, and a number of places that boast the best seafood chowder — a claim you'll hear in many places around the bay.

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Brunswick or Nova Scotia sides of the bay. Smoked salmon is another delicacy the bay is known for.

If viewing marine life is more your fancy, there are many whale watching companies that offer tours in the outer areas of the bay — particularly between Grand Manan Island and St. Andrews, N.B.

"We have 12 species of whales in the bay," McCulloch said. "The right whales are probably best known because they are an endangered species and we are the summer feeding habitat for those whales."

Porpoises and seals are also plentiful in the outer bay, and passengers taking the ferry ride to Grand Manan are almost guaranteed to see a variety of sea life.

"Seeing the whales is something that has meant a lot to us as a family," said New Brunswick Premier David Alward. "It is very much a part of who we are."

These suggestions represent just a fraction of the many activities available for tourists who decide to explore the 1,200 kilometres of coastline around the Bay of Fundy.

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Here are five reasons a trip to New York City will make sure that you remain No. 1 in her good books for years to come. (Take that high-achieving siblings.)

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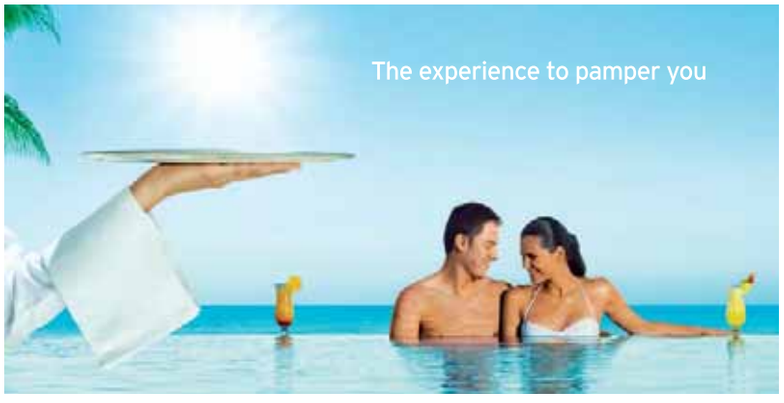

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▶ This Countertop Napoleon is made in four simple steps.

There are few in North America today who are not familiar with panini. Though the Italian word loosely means "sandwiches," in the U.S. and Canada it has come to almost always mean a hot pressed sandwich prepared on some kind of grill.

And sandwiches are just the start. Learn how to use a panini press — a close relative of the countertop grill — and you can pretty much make a full dinner, often faster and with less mess than with more traditional cooking methods.

"You can do chicken, vegetables, pancakes if you have a griddle attachment," says Kathy Strahs, who writes a blog called Panini Happy. "It actually can replicate quite a few objects you may already have in your house — a toaster, a griddle, obviously a grill."

And did we mention show-stopping desserts and appetizers?

You can buy an electric panini press for as little as $40, or as much $300; the models around $100 often offer the most versatility at the best price point. Most of the clam-shaped devices have ridges and heat up on both the top and bottom grill plates, so they cook things really fast.

Countertop Napoleons

Who knew a panini press and a package of frozen puff pastry could be combined to create such a light and elegant dessert?

Best yet, the whole thing comes together in little time and with even less mess. You thaw the puff pastry, cut it into squares, then throw it on the panini press. Cooking the pastry on a panini press makes for perfectly golden, crisp and gently puffed flaky layers.

Once your pastry layers are cooked, you layer them with whipped cream (you can use purchased if you want to make this dish even faster and easier) and fresh berries.

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg (450 g) frozen butter puff pastry sheets, thawed
- 1 cup (250 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) liquid honey
- 12 oz (340 g) fresh raspberries
- Icing sugar

Preparation:

1. Heat the panini.
2. Cut each sheet of puff pastry into nine 3-by-3-inch (7.5-by-7.5-cm) squares. Working in batches, to fit your press at once, cook pastry squares with the cover set gently down on them 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked through. Transfer squares to plate to cool.
3. In bowl, using electric mixer, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Fold in sour cream, marmalade and honey.
4. Spread layer of whipped cream over 6 squares. Top each with berries, then another square. Repeat with another layer of whipped cream, fruit and third pastry square. Finish with a layer of cream, then fruit. Dust with icing sugar.

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Grilled Halloumi, Apple & Honey

Here's proof that you can craft an elegant appetizer using nothing but a panini press.

This recipe uses halloumi, a Greek cheese that stands up to the heat of the press. Unlike most cheeses, halloumi will soften but not melt.

This makes it ideal for grilling directly on the panini press.

The cheese also can be broiled or grilled on a traditional gas or charcoal grill.

This recipe calls for arranging all of the grilled ingredients on a platter and letting your guests assemble their own appetizers.

Alternatively, top each slice of bread with a bit of the cheese and a slice of apple, then garnish each with the basil, pepper and honey.

Ingredients:

- 1 firm tart apple (such as Granny Smith), quartered and cored
- 8 oz (250 g) halloumi cheese, cut into 8 slices
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) torn fresh basil
- Ground black pepper
- Slices of crusty bread

Preparation:

1. Heat a panini press or countertop grill to medium-high.
2. Slice each apple quarter into 3 slices. Arrange slices on grill, lower top and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender and lightly browned on the outside. Arrange slices on a serving platter.
3. Use paper towel to wipe grill to remove any moisture left by apples. Add cheese slices, lower top and cook 3 or until browned on both sides. Arrange cheese on platter with apples.
4. Drizzle apples and cheese with honey; sprinkle with basil and pepper. Serve with bread.

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Re-thinking how we create

For the third year in a row, Vancouver's Langara College and advertising agency Rethink are offering an $18,000 scholarship to aspiring art directors and designers.

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Entrants are invited to submit a black hardcover sketchbook that showcases their creativity. The winner will then be selected by Rethink's creative directors, along with members of Langara's faculty. The deadline is July 1.

Contest information, and this year's video, are online at rethinkcanada.com/scholarship.

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▶ Jeremy Gutsche runs trendhunter.com

Canada's leaders of new business

The Business Development Bank of Canada honoured 11 of the country's most successful young entrepreneurs at the 23rd edition of its Young Entrepreneur Awards (YEA) held in Saskatoon yesterday.

The YEA winners were chosen based on the originality of their business concept, as well as their company's success, growth potential and social involvement. The provincial and territorial selection committees also considered the entrepreneur's, the number of years he or she has been in business and any special challenges that were overcome. Among the winners were:

Jeremy Gutsche, 32
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▶ Amira Dhalla

Having always had a flair for marketing, I went into university thinking I knew exactly what I wanted to do when I graduated: work for a consumer packaged goods (CPG) company. While completing my degree in business at Wilfrid Laurier University, I was able to partake in the co-op program that allowed me to gain real world experience.

I was fortunate to get placements at Disney Consumer Products and Unilever, both great CPG companies. Though I loved the brands and products that I worked on, I never felt in control of my projects and I found that myself and my ideas often got lost.

It was my third co-op term at QuickPlay Media that really opened my eyes to the start-up environment. I excelled in the small environment and felt like I was contributing to the company's bottom line.

I grew up believing that the more popular the brand and the company, the better the opportunity to learn and succeed. However, through my co-op experiences, I learned that there are equal, if not greater, learning opportunities to be had in smaller, start-up companies.

I did some research on people who I had admired and realized that they were all entrepreneurs who had formed or been a part of a start-up. It was these people who had learned the most by going against the grain and taking risks. Upon graduating, I simultaneously took two different job positions at two very different start-ups.

Where Amira is now
I am currently working as a Community Manager at My City Lives (mycitylives.com), a digital platform for individuals to share stories and experiences about their city through videos.

I am very passionate about Toronto and, in my job, I am able to help showcase why my city and the people are great. I love my job and I'm thankful to all my previous experiences that have led me to where I am today.

Key take-aways from Amira's school-to-work transition

• Take advantage of internship and co-op programs offered by your school. Your school's existing relationships with some of the world's biggest and best companies will help you get invaluable work experience before you even graduate.

• Pay attention to how you feel about the style of work you're expected to do and ask yourself if it's your ideal work environment. If it's not, try out other opportunities until you find something you like.

• Don't discount small businesses and start-ups: They often allow even young, inexperienced employees to contribute their ideas and can give you much more responsibility and control over your work than larger companies.

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Lightning surge to 3-0 series lead

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Steven Stamkos and Ryan Malone scored 24 seconds apart in the third period and the streaking Tampa Bay Lightning beat Washington 4-3 to push the top-seeded Capitals to the brink of elimination in the Eastern Conference semifinals last night.

After winning twice in Washington, the Lightning returned home and rallied to take a commanding 3-0 series lead. Tampa Bay can advance to the conference finals with a victory at home tonight in Game 4.

Vincent Lecavalier and Sean Bergenheim also scored for the fifth-seeded Lightning, whose sixth straight post-season win gives them a commanding lead in the series. Tampa Bay hasn't lost since falling into a 3-1 hole against Pittsburgh in the first round.

Alex Ovechkin had a power-play goal and an assist for Washington, which led 3-2 heading into third period after Mike Knuble, John Carlson and Ovechkin scored in the second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Tampa's B.J. Upton celebrates his two-run walk-off home run last night against the Blue Jays in Tampa Bay.

Jays knocked off by walk-off

Jose Bautista sits with neck spasms ◐ Could be out until weekend: Farrell

B.J. Upton hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, giving the Tampa Bay Rays a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays last night.

After Ben Zobrist singled to start the ninth off Jon Rauch (1-2), Upton hit a 0-1 pitch into the left-field seats for the victory.

Kyle Farnsworth (2-0) got the final out in the top of the ninth for the win.

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RAYS	JAYS

Toronto's Jo-Jo Reyes is 0-11 in 24 starts since a June 13, 2008, loss to the Angels while with Atlanta. He allowed one run and four hits in six innings last night.

Reyes is on the longest major league winless start streak since Anthony Young's 27 in a row from April 1992 until May 1994, according to STATS LLC.

Rays starter Wade Davis had his three-game winning streak end. The right-hander gave up two runs and six hits in six innings.

Toronto went ahead 2-1 in the fourth inning on a run-scoring double by Edwin Encarnacion. The Blue Jays loaded the bases with two outs later in the inning, but failed to extend their lead when Rajai Davis struck out.

Adam Lind put the Blue Jays up 1-0 with an RBI single in the first, giving him 14 RBIs over his last 11 games.

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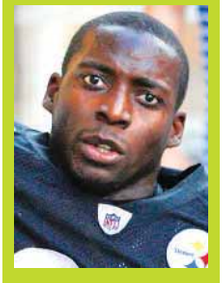

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REALITY TV

Bosh sues over show

Miami Heat star Chris Bosh is suing the mother of his child for appearing on a reality TV show called Basketball Wives, which he said intrudes on his private life.

Bosh claims in a lawsuit filed Monday in Los Angeles federal court that Allison Mathis and Shed Media are trying to unjustly enrich themselves by using the former Toronto Raptors' name and intruding into his private affairs.

He acknowledges he and Mathis have a child together.

The suit says Mathis was hired to appear in the third season of the VH1 reality show and wants to use it to become a TV star.

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Rose blooms into NBA's youngest MVP

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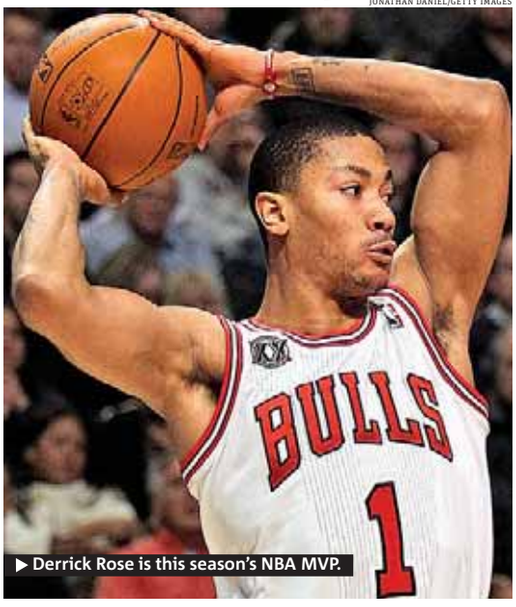


▶ Derrick Rose is this season's NBA MVP.

22-year-old joins Michael Jordan as only Bulls players to win award

Right from the start, Derrick Rose wondered why he couldn't be the MVP. It turns out nothing was stopping him.

Rose officially became the NBA's youngest MVP yesterday and joined Michael Jordan as the only Bulls players to win the award.

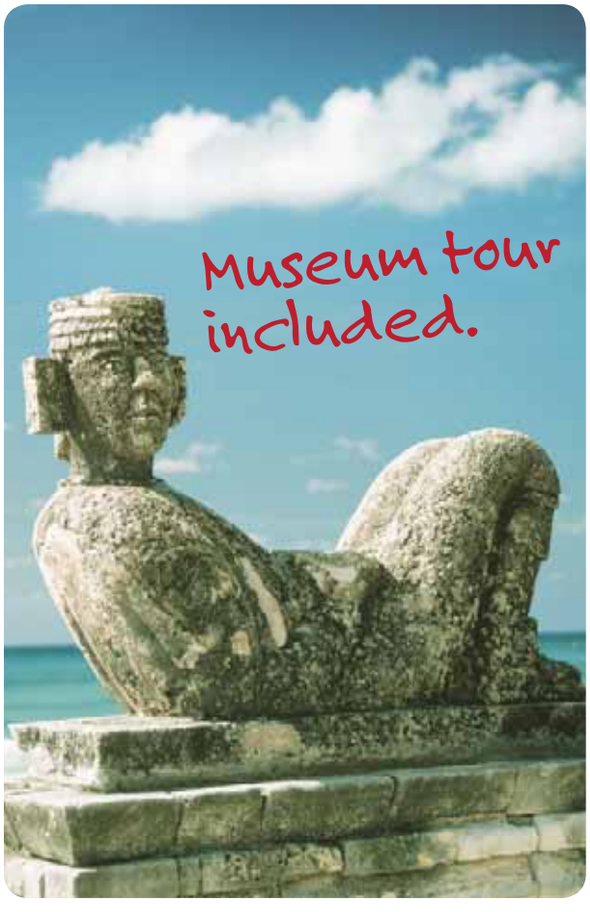
The news was hardly a surprise after Rose had a spectacular season in leading Chicago to the league's best record.

Rose has a ways to go before he catches Jordan, who won five MVPs and led the way to two title three-peats, but he sure is off to a good start. In his third year, the dynamic point guard led the Bulls to their best season since the championship era.

"He's been everything you could ask for. He's been a leader, a player. He's only going to get better."

BULLS COACH TOM THIBODEAU

The 22-year-old Rose got 113 first-place votes from a panel of media voters. Orlando's Dwight Howard finished second, Miami's LeBron James was third, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was fourth and Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant finished fifth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON VS. TAMPA BAY
(Tampa Bay leads 3-0)
Last night's result
Tampa Bay 4 Washington 3
Tonight's game
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Tampa Bay at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 9
x-Washington at Tampa Bay, TBA
Wednesday, May 11
x-Tampa Bay at Washington, TBA

PHILADELPHIA VS. BOSTON
(Boston leads 2-0)
Monday's result
Boston 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Philadelphia at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Boston at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
x-Philadelphia at Boston, TBA
Thursday, May 12
x-Boston at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER VS. NASHVILLE
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's game
Vancouver at Nashville
Tomorrow's game
Vancouver at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Nashville at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 9
x-Vancouver at Nashville, TBA
Wednesday, May 11
x-Nashville at Vancouver, TBA

SAN JOSE VS. DETROIT
(San Jose leads 2-0)
Tonight's game
San Jose at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
San Jose at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Detroit at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
x-San Jose at Detroit, TBA
Thursday, May 12
x-Detroit at San Jose, TBA
x — if necessary.

LIGHTNING 4, CAPITALS 3

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 5 (Moore, Downie) 11:03
Penalties — R.Jones TB (interference) 7:13, Washington bench (too many men; served by Ovechkin) 7:48, Knuble Wash (elbowing) 15:27.
Second Period
2. Washington, Knuble 2 (Ovechkin) 0:59
3. Washington, Carlson 1 (Chimera, Johansson) 7:58
4. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 5 (St. Louis, Purcell) 11:51
5. Washington, Ovechkin 5 (Semin, Green) 17:27 (pp)
Penalties — Backstrom Wash (holding stick) 12:45, Brewer TB (holding) 13:50, Clark TB (hooking) 15:52, Hall TB (hooking) 16:26, Arnott Wash (slashing) 17:51.
Third Period
6. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 4 (Hedman) 5:23
7. Tampa Bay, Malone 2 (Thompson, Hall) 5:47
Penalty — Hall TB (hooking) 8:57.
Shots

Washington	13	14	5	—32
Tampa Bay	8	7	15	—30

Goal — Washington: Neuvirth (L,4-4-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (W,7-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Washington: 1-5; Tampa Bay: 0-4.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Steve Miller.
Att. — 20,613 (19,758) at Tampa, Fla.

MONDAY

BRUINS 3, FLYERS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 6 (Giroux, Zherdev) 0:29
2. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 7 (Briere, Timonen) 9:31 (pp)
3. Boston, Kelly 4 (Ryder, Kaberle) 12:50
4. Boston, Marchand 4 (Bergeron, Recchi) 14:15
Penalties — Thomas Bos (delay of game; served by Lucic) 0:48, Shelley Pha (boarding) 3:37, Campbell Bos (holding) 8:49, Krejci Bos (roughing), Versteeg Pha (holding) 15:04.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Hartnell Pha (slashing) 18:27.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Marchand Bos (cross-checking) 3:21, Chara Bos (roughing) 17:21.
First Overtime
5. Boston, Krejci 4 (Horton) 14:00
Penalties — None.
Shots

Boston	16	13	7	5	—41
Philadelphia	14	8	22	10	—54

Goal (shots-saves) — Boston: Thomas (W,6-3-0); Philadelphia: Boucher (L,4-3-0)(35-32), Bobrovsky (11:01 second)(6-6),. **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-2; Philadelphia: 1-4.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Marc Joannette.
Linesmen — Derek Amell, Pierre Racicot.
Att. — 19,962 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	1	11	12
P.Bergeron, Bos	2	9	11
St. Louis, TB	5	5	10
Lecavalier, TB	4	6	10
Cammalleri, Mtl	3	7	10
Briere, Pha	7	2	9
Clowe, SJ	4	5	9
Marchand, Bos	4	5	9
Downie, TB	2	7	9
Datsyuk, Det	2	6	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
Purcell, TB	1	7	8
van Riemsdyk, Pha	7	0	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
D.Sedin, Vcr	5	2	7
Burrows, Vcr	4	3	7
Kelly, Bos	4	3	7
Ovechkin, Wash	4	3	7
Couture, SJ	2	5	7
Gagne, TB	2	5	7
Gragnani, Buf	1	6	7
S.Koivu, Ana	1	6	7
Horton, Bos	4	2	6
Keith, Chi	4	2	6
Krejci, Bos	4	2	6
Fisher, Nash	3	3	6
Ward, Nash	3	3	6
Bolland, Chi	2	4	6
Getzlaf, Ana	2	4	6
Hossa, Chi	2	4	6
Recchi, Bos	2	4	6
J.Thornton, SJ	2	4	6
Brewer, TB	1	5	6
P.Kane, Chi	1	5	6
Laich, Wash	1	5	6
Myers, Buf	1	5	6
M.Richards, Pha	1	5	6
Timonen, Pha	1	5	6
I.White, SJ	1	5	6
Vanek, Buf	5	0	5
Bergenheim, TB	4	1	5
Pavelski, SJ	4	1	5
Semin, Wash	4	1	5
Doan, Phx	3	2	5
Clifford, LA	3	2	5
Gionta, Mtl	3	2	5
Leino, Pha	3	2	5
Sharp, Chi	3	2	5
Stamkos, TB	3	2	5
S.Weber, Nash	3	2	5
Frolik, Chi	2	3	5
Heatley, SJ	2	3	5
Holmstrom, Det	2	3	5
Johansson, Wash	2	3	5
Marleau, SJ	2	3	5
Moore, TB	2	3	5
Richardson, LA	2	3	5

Last night's games not included

HOCKEY

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bratislava and Kosice, Slovakia
PRELIMINARY ROUND
Group A

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	2	1	0	0	9	5	8
Russia	3	2	0	0	1	10	9	6
Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	9	9	3
Slovenia	3	0	0	1	2	7	12	1

Group B

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Canada	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**17**	**5**	**8**
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	0	8	5	6
France	3	0	1	1	1	3	11	3
Belarus	3	0	0	1	2	3	10	1

Group C

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
United States	2	2	0	0	0	9	3	6
Sweden	2	1	0	1	0	7	5	4
Norway	2	0	1	0	1	7	8	2
Austria	2	0	0	0	2	1	8	0

Group D

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Rep.	2	2	0	0	0	10	2	6
Finland	2	1	1	0	0	8	3	5
Latvia	2	0	0	1	1	4	7	1
Denmark	2	0	0	0	2	1	11	0

Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Kosice
Canada 4, Switzerland 3, OT
France 2, Belarus 1, OT
At Bratislava
Germany 3, Slovenia 2, SO
Russia 4, Slovakia 3
Monday's results
At Bratislava
Czech Republic 6, Denmark 0
Finland 3, Latvia 2, SO
At Kosice
United States 4, Norway 2
Sweden 3, Austria 0
Today's games
All times Eastern
At Bratislava
Denmark vs. Latvia, 10:15 a.m.
Finland vs. Czech Republic, 2:15 p.m.
At Kosice
Austria vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. U.S., 2:15 p.m.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	10	.630	—
Tampa Bay	16	13	.552	2
Boston	14	15	.483	4
Baltimore	13	14	.481	4
Toronto	13	16	.448	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	19	8	.704	—
Kansas City	15	13	.536	4½
Detroit	13	17	.433	7½
Minnesota	10	18	.357	9½
Chicago	11	20	.355	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	16	13	.552	—
Los Angeles	16	14	.533	½
Oakland	15	14	.517	1
Seattle	13	16	.448	3

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2
Minnesota 1 Chicago White Sox 0
Detroit 4 N.Y. Yankees 2
Boston 7 L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore at Kansas City
Cleveland at Oakland
Texas at Seattle
Monday's results
Oakland 5 Texas 4 (10 innings)
Chicago White Sox 6 Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 5 Detroit 3
Boston 9 L.A. Angels 5
Today's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota (Blackburn 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-4), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 1-3), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 1-1) at Detroit (Scherzer 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 1-3) at Boston (Beckett 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 3-1) at Kansas City (Davies 1-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 4-0) at Oakland (Cahill 4-0), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 3-1) at Seattle (Pineda 4-1), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	19	9	.679	—
Florida	18	9	.667	½
Atlanta	15	15	.500	5
Washington	14	15	.483	5½
New York	12	16	.429	7

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	16	13	.552	—
Cincinnati	14	15	.483	2
Pittsburgh	14	15	.483	2
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	2½
Chicago	12	16	.429	3½
Houston	12	17	.414	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	17	9	.654	—
Los Angeles	15	15	.500	4
San Francisco	13	15	.464	5
Arizona	12	15	.444	5½
San Diego	11	18	.379	7½

Last night's results
Philadelphia 4 Washington 1
Houston 10 Cincinnati 4
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets
Florida at St. Louis
Colorado at Arizona
Pittsburgh at San Diego
Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers
Milwaukee at Atlanta, ppd.
Monday's results
Atlanta 6 Milwaukee 2
Florida 6 St. Louis 5
Pittsburgh 4 San Diego 3
Washington 2 San Francisco 0
L.A. Dodgers 5 Chicago Cubs 2
Houston at Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Today's games
All times Eastern
Houston (An.Rodriguez 0-0) at Cincinnati (T.Wood 1-3), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 2-2), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Correia 4-2) at San Diego (Richard 1-2), 6:35 p.m.
Washington (Marquis 3-0) at Philadelphia (Worley 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 0-0) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Capuano 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Vazquez 2-2) at St. Louis (Carpenter 0-2), 8:15 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 3-2) at Arizona (Enright 1-2), 9:40 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Houston at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Florida at St. Louis, 1:40 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

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Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Seattle FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 4 p.m.
Houston at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
Colorado at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

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All times Eastern

DIVISIONAL FINALS

Saturday's games
EAST DIVISION
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Washington at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

TENNIS

MADRID OPEN

At Madrid
Men's Singles — First Round
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. **Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont.,** 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Mikhail Youzhny (13), Russia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
Lu Yen-Hsun, Taiwan, def. Fernando Verdasco (15), Spain, 7-6 (7), 7-5.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Viktor Troicki (16), Serbia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 7-5, 6-2.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 7-5, 7-6 (8).
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.
Men's Singles — Second Round
David Ferrer (6), Spain, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 7-5, 0-6, 6-0.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Gael Monfils (9), France, 6-2, 3-0 retired.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. John Isner, U.S., 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3).
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Thiemo De Bakker, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Francesca Schiavone (3), Italy, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.
Samantha Stosur (5), Australia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (10), Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Marion Bartoli (11), France, 7-5, 6-1.
Petra Kvitova (16), Czech Republic, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 6-3.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., def. Vania King, U.S., 6-0, 6-2.

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

SECOND ROUND

(Best-of-7 series)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago (1) vs. Atlanta (5)
(Atlanta leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Atlanta 103 Chicago 95
Tonight's game
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Miami (2) vs. Boston (3)
(Miami leads 2-0)
Last night's result
Miami 102 Boston 91
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers (2) vs. Dallas (3)
(Dallas leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Dallas 96 L.A. Lakers 94
Tonight's game
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City (4) vs. Memphis (8)
(Memphis leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Memphis at Oklahoma City
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.

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Bumper

On the TL's behind, there's a new bumper with built-in reflectors along with fresh taillights, trunk-lid trim and exhaust outlets. Besides the front, the rest of the TL's physical presence remains pretty much static, save for a new selection of standard and optional multi-spoke wheels.

Interior

Further refinements can be found inside the passenger area with upgraded trim, available ventilated front seats and an optional voice-recognition sound system that can store up to 3,500 songs on a 15-gigabyte hard drive.

As usual, the TL, even in base form, arrives as a well-turned-out vehicle, but there are a number of significant extra-cost features on the menu. The Technology Package includes a navigation system with traffic and weather updates, 440-watt ELS-brand sound system, premium leather-covered seats and keyless push-button start.

Engine

Continuing on is the base 280-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 (which sports new friction-reducing pistons for 2012) and the optional 305-horsepower 3.7-litre V6.

However, Acura has swapped out the previous standard five-speed automatic transmission for a six-speed. The name of the game here is fuel economy and Acura reports that the 3.5 is now rated at 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 6.8 on the highway.

▶ After a daring redesign for the 2009 model year, Acura clawed back the more controversial styling elements, such as the some-would-say-bizarre rear finish panel on the trunk. If you don't know what we're talking about, then the design change worked.

New nose is good news

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Staying a step or two ahead of the competition can be a risky move, especially if you manufacture cars for a living.

Sign off on a decidedly different design and the distance between success and failure can be just a nip, tuck, or crease away.

Take the TL, for example. Acura's sporty sedan has always ranked high with buyers for its combination of spaciousness, styling and performance, all at an attractive price point.

However, the car's 2009-model-year makeover for the upscale-Honda division's top-selling sedan garnered less-than-favourable reviews, particularly for the oddly-shaped, shield-like grille and a bumper that resembled a ship's prow.

So, for the 2012 model year, the stylists have taken a scalpel to that bit of frontal daring-do and also completed numerous other modifications throughout the vehicle.

On the road, the TL, which starts at about $41,400 including destination charges, rides and drives pretty much like the previous edition and exhibits the same excellent road manners and interior refinement that has made it such a popular choice over the years.

Now with a host of subtle, but significant, improvements in design and content, the TL will no doubt have broader appeal.

▶ The TL's new nose is a case of less is more. It's undeniably more attractive and aerodynamic, and seems more in sync with the rest of the sheetmetal.

▶ Swoopy, blended features and protruding instrument pods highlight the TL's comfortable interior, but the silver foil-like trim would be much better if it were stitched leather.

Acura TL

What you should know about the 2012 Acura TL:

- **Types:** Four-door front- /all-wheel-drive entry-luxury sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (280); 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (305).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic; six-speed manual (opt. on 3.7).
- **Market position:** Among the crop of luxury-oriented sedans, the TL's distinguished reputation for providing a wealth of standard equipment at a relatively down-to-earth price helps it attract a loyal and enthusiastic following.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/6.8 (3.5).

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A pioneering icon of the Luxury SUV scene, Cadillac's Escalade launched in its second generation for the 2002 model year.

Featuring GM truck-frame construction, massive size and enough chrome bling to deck out a rap group, this humongous, comfortable and stylish rig was a hit with shoppers from various walks.

Of course, Escalade isn't the cheapest way to get you and yours around, new or used — so for many, something a little more modest may make a lot more sense.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2002 to 2006 Cadillac Escalade
- **Vehicle Type:** Luxury SUV
- **Approximate used price range:** $9,000 to $25,000

If you're interested in a hauler with maximum visibility to passersby, standard V8 power, all the goodies, and plenty of pop-culture relevance, the Escalade has few rivals.

Look for a standard six-litre V8 engine with 345 horsepower and a decision-free All Wheel Drive (AWD) system. A four-speed automatic was standard, and goodies included a sunroof, dual-zone climate control and a full leather interior.

Where bells and whistles are concerned, the Escalade won't disappoint.

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▶ 2006 Cadillac Escalade ESV Platinum

Neither will selection. Escalade was available in standard, extended-length ESV and pickup-based EXT variants.

What Owners Like

Head-turning looks, power output, interior styling and space, versatility, all-weather confidence, comfort and even highway fuel mileage were all highly rated by Escalade owners taking to the internet to share their experiences.

Some even say that relative to its size, the Escalade is easy to park.

What Owners Hate

Some owners wish for less road and wind noise, a more powerful audio system, smaller blind spots and an easier time boarding and exiting the vehicle.

Common Issues

Be sure to have any Escalade you're considering from this generation inspected by a mechanic on a hoist for signs of oil leakage from the axles, differential, AWD transfer case and engine. If there's any leakage present, bad seals may be to blame.

Double check for proper operation of any and all interior features, including all windows, locks, the sunroof, the ONStar system, navigation and audio systems, and the climate control. Repairing or replacing any of these systems will be expensive — so be sure they're all working properly. Also, ensure the steering wheel returns to centre after making a turn. If it doesn't, service to the steering system may be required.

Due to the complexity of the Escalade's various systems, shoppers are advised to purchase from a certified used Cadillac dealer and have a pre-purchase inspection carried out for extra peace of mind.

The Verdict

Where luxury and styling are concerned, the Escalade hits the mark as a used SUV buy. Shop patiently, have an inspection, and opt for any extra warranty coverage that might be available — just to be safe.

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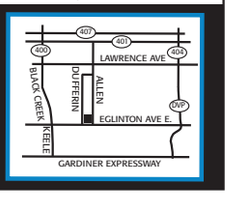

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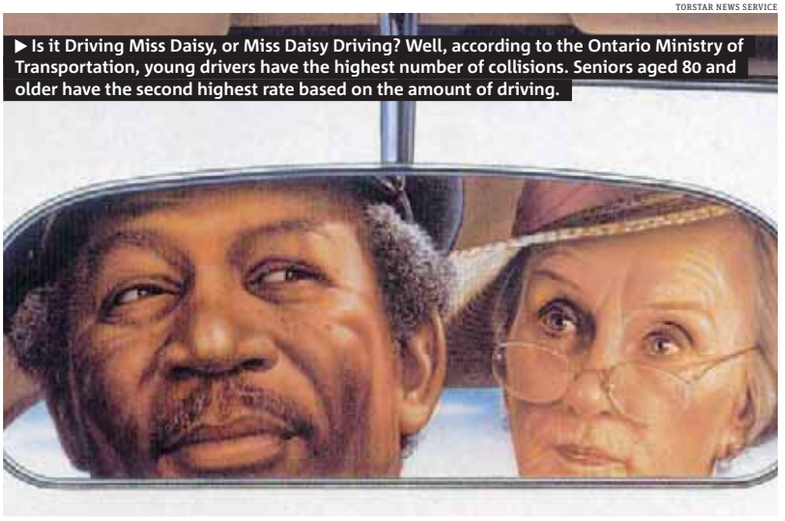

▶ Is it Driving Miss Daisy, or Miss Daisy Driving? Well, according to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, young drivers have the highest number of collisions. Seniors aged 80 and older have the second highest rate based on the amount of driving.

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My dear mother turned 80 last Saturday. On our way to the birthday bash, I caught myself thinking that she might not show up for her own party.

Because a few weeks earlier she flunked the written "multiple choice" test all Ontario drivers must pass if they want to continue driving after they hit 80 years of age.

After the test, a driver examiner came out to talk with her, and subsequently decided that if she wanted to keep her license, she would not only need to try the written test again and pass it, but also pass an actual driving test.

No thanks, said my mom, I'm done.

So Saturday was not only her 80th birthday, but also the last day she would ever again hold a valid driver's license.

So I half-pictured her suddenly deciding to blow the party off, in favour of getting behind the wheel of her 2004 Hyundai four-door Accent, and heading off for one last monumental road trip, possibly to Vegas, possibly picking up an assortment of hitchhikers along the way.

Turned out she was game for the party, and actually not too melancholy about re-entering another non-driving phase of her life.

Her first non-driving phase was actually quite a stretch. She only started to drive the year after my father died. He died at 50.

Mom got her license at 50. My brother and I taught her, first taking her where our father first taught us — the cemetery. With its little-used network of mini streets, the cemetery was a perfect training course. And we had to go there a lot anyway, so it was convenient, though too emotionally busy at the time for my taste.

My father was a natural, confident, and graceful driver. My mother is the other kind.

But she persevered and practiced and got her license on the first try. She evolved into a pretty decent driver. Her accidents were mostly minor in nature.

In retrospect, she should have developed a better technique for backing up.

Generally, she just swiveled her head about five degrees in either direction, pretended to look at the side mirrors, then stared straight at the rear-view mirror, commenced reversing, and hoped for the best.

She lives in the suburbs. Everyone, including me, is encouraging her to hire cabs whenever she feels like getting out — and not just for emergencies.

But it will be tough going for a while. She grew up in a country and in an era where they boiled a lot of potato soup. Jumping into a cab, just to get out of the house, will not feel entirely natural.

Her flexibility and freedom and range of social interaction have all diminished somewhat.

But that's the way it is… Not everybody should be driving well into old age, and she's of that group.

Just so happens our daughter, Amelia, turns 16 later this year and is aching to get her license.

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▶ Though the Fiat 500 features a small engine, it does feels very peppy and the car is fun to drive.

Fiat's more efficient form of combustion

MultiAir system reduces fuel consumption and emissions

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▶ The Fiat 500 engine's MultiAir components are shown in red.

The general design of the internal combustion engine, which burns gasoline to create a rotational force to turn the vehicle's wheels, hasn't really changed all that much since the 1800s.

But new technologies are helping to improve its performance, such as the Fiat 500's MultiAir system.

Gasoline gets into an engine and exhaust escapes through precisely-timed intake and exhaust valves.

In most engines, these valves are operated by the lobes on a spinning camshaft.

While the MultiAir engine uses a camshaft for the exhaust valves, the intake valves are activated instead by pressurized engine oil controlled by electronic solenoids.

"We've removed the direct mechanical linkage to the valve," says Mike Vincent, platform manager for the 1.4-litre MultiAir engine. "The advantage is all about trapping the most amount of air and fuel you can deliver on a given cycle, making the combustion more efficient."

While the system is more expensive than a camshaft, Vincent says that in an otherwise equal comparison of engine and vehicle size, the MultiAir system reduces both fuel consumption and emissions by up to 10 per cent each. As well, since it provides better low-end power, the small engine feels very peppy and the car is fun to drive.

A major advantage to MultiAir is that it continually and precisely controls how far the valve lifts up each time it opens.

"A mechanical camshaft opens the valve to the same degree each time, and it must be optimized for full throttle," Vincent says. "You have maximum lift on wide-open throttle, but at low speeds, such as idling or in city traffic, you don't need all the lift that's available, and you're wasting the opportunity to keep air in the cylinder. With MultiAir, the amount of oil pressure controls how much the valve opens."

The system can change the amount of lift very rapidly, even starting the sequence normally and then closing the valve early if it's required.

A camshaft is still used on the exhaust valves mostly due to design, Vincent says.

"The packaging becomes very difficult to manage if you add the hardware on both intake and exhaust. The goal is to maximize the amount of fresh air trapped, so control on the intake side was the highest priority."

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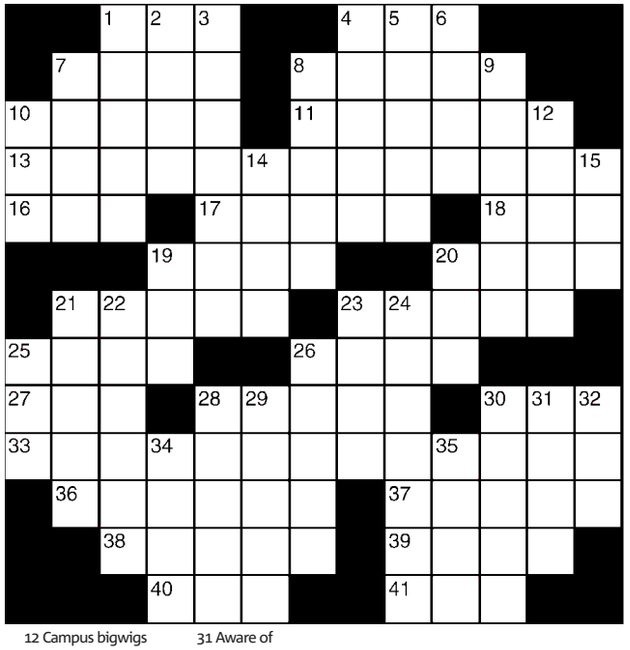

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1 Commercials
4 "Doo" follower
7 First victim
8 Acrylic fiber
10 Scent
11 Wallowed (in)
13 Sofa, recliner, ottoman, etc.
16 New Guinea port
17 Antimacassar
18 Spotted, a la Tweety
19 Intend
20 Arm bone
21 Cricket, for one
23 Performs high-tech surgery
25 Sonic —
26 Scoff
27 Elev.
28 Ladd and Alda
30 Shemp's brother
33 Guesswork
36 Jog sans togs
37 Gambling game
38 Surpass
39 Kill a bill
40 French possessive
41 English cathedral city

12 Campus bigwigs
14 Grownup kid
15 Old airline initials
19 Mid-May honoree
20 Work with
21 Cobbler's supply
22 Spud
23 Chain part
24 Exculpate
25 Evil
26 "King of Pop," in headlines
28 Mountain ridge
29 Begins
30 Thurber's dreamer Walter
31 Aware of
32 Id counterpart
34 Tom-tom, e.g.
35 Christmas refrain

Down

1 Overhead
2 Actress Moore
3 Smear tactics
4 Slobber
5 Metallic blend
6 Actress Celeste
7 Met melody
8 Utah politico Hatch
9 Get snug and cozy
10 The whole enchilada

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Sudoku

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	6			2			4	
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The planets in their courses will make it easy for you to excel over the next few days.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No matter how bad things might seem at the moment, they will get better very soon.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Even if things go wrong today, it won't stop you from believing that your life is blessed. It is.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Don't do things just to impress others. Do things that mean something to you personally.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Get away from your usual environment for a while. The world is yours to explore.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you don't do something about overspending, the consequences could be dire.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't get far under your own steam today, so ask for help.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make sure you're on top of what you have to do and that you do an excellent job of it.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Focus on the one aim that means more than anything.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The only way out of your predicament is to identify your problem and do something.
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